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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, June 28, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Betty Dominguez, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Kathryn Harrington

**2. Public Communication**

Mr. Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan discussed development in downtown Portland and encouraged the Metro Council to consider the pro's and con's of developing high rise buildings in the area.

**3. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events:

Councilor Dirksen introduced Ms. Carla Stenberg, secretary of the Portland Rose Festival. Ms. Stenberg announced that the Metro float in the Grand Floral Parade had won the award for best overall mini float. She shared that the float had over 95% floral content, the highest of any float in the parade. Ms. Stenberg congratulated the Metro Council, and presented the award to Councilor Dirksen.

Councilor Dirksen provided an update on the Value Pricing Advisory Committee, and explained that the committee's member organizations were offered the opportunity to provide feedback on value pricing efforts. He explained that a letter had been drafted on behalf of the council to Chair Tammy Baney, of the Oregon Transportation Commission. He asked Ms. Tyler Frisbee, from Metro's transportation policy development team to discuss the letter. Ms. Frisbee

explained that the letter from the committee was based on direction that the council gave at a recent work session. She shared that the letter emphasized the council's commitment to safety, managing diversion and increasing transit access. Councilor Dirksen asked that council consider the letter and approve it for submittal to the OTC.

Councilor Chase asked that the letter include an emphasis on Metro's commitment to gathering input from underserved communities and communities that would be impacted by changes in the areas under consideration for value pricing. Ms. Frisbee noted that she would add a line that communicated these sentiments.

Councilor Craddick expressed appreciation for Ms. Frisbee's work and shared some of the highlights of the letter. Ms. Frisbee thanked the council for their input.

Council President Hughes asked for council authorization of a MERC and Metro Council Trade Promotional Mission. Councilors expressed their approval of the meeting between the MERC and Metro Council, and Council President Hughes signed the ethics document authorizing the meeting.

Councilor Chase provided an update on MPAC.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, seconded by Councilor Craddick, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Stacey

- 4.1 **Resolution No. 18-4887**, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving One Project Requiring a Programming Addition for ODOT (AP18-09-APR)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4887](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

- 4.2 **Resolution No. 18-4897**, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Involving Sixteen Projects Requiring Programming Additions, Corrections, or Cancellations Impacting ODOT, Portland, SMART, TriMet, and Washington County (JN18-11-JUN)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4897](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 to Staff Report](#)

- 4.3

Attachments: [Consideration of June 21, 2018 Minutes](#)

## 5. Presentations

- 5.1 **Sponsorship Expenditures Follow-Up Audit**

Attachments: [Sponsorships Follow-Up Audit](#)

Council President Hughes introduced Metro Auditor Brian Evans to provide a presentation on the sponsorship follow-up audit. Auditor Evans reminded the council that follow-up audits allowed time to assess the status of recommendations after they had been made. He provided background on sponsorship expenditures. Auditor Evans introduced Ms. Simone Rede, Senior Management Auditor. She shared the results of the follow-up audit. Ms. Rede discussed the changes in sponsorship processes that had

increased the odds that sponsorship decisions were being made consistently. She noted that improvements were still necessary.

Ms. Rede highlighted some of the pitfalls of the current sponsorship process, including payments that did not meet the sponsorship definition, and that some payments did not follow sponsorship procedures.

Auditor Evans introduced Ms. Ina Zucker, Metro Council Office Director for the management response to the follow-up audit. Ms. Zucker thanked Auditor Evans for his office's work on the sponsorship program. She described the changes that the sponsorship team had made to their processes, and noted that there was progress to be made. Ms. Zucker identified specific areas of improvement, and highlighted the ways that the sponsorship program had become more accessible and transparent since the 2014 audit.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Stacey asked about two particular outlier sponsorship payments, and asked for clarification that these amounts had been separately reviewed. Auditor Evans shared that these payments were intended to be a part of the partnership program, but at the time the formal partnership program did not exist.

Council President Hughes clarified that one of the payments that did not meet sponsorship criteria was due to an issue of categorization rather than the misspending of funds. Auditor Evans shared that part of the problem was the

process. He explained that process for approving a membership was different than the process for approving a sponsorship, and noted that it was important for transparency and accountability that these two processes were very different.

Councilor Craddick asked about the next steps of the audit. Auditor Evans shared that they would come back to the audit if there were indications of any problems. Ms. Zucker explained how the sponsorship program was addressing and adopting the recommendations made by the auditor's office. She added that the sponsorship program provided opportunities for community groups, and that the program supported Metro's Racial Equity Strategy.

Councilor Chase thanked the auditor's office for their work and noted the importance of accuracy in these programs. He asked about the timeline and how progress had been made since the previous audit. Auditor Evans conveyed that three of the payments that did not meet the sponsorship criteria were made before the new guidance, and five were identified to have originated after the new guidance was given to the program.

Councilor Dominguez expressed appreciation for the sponsorship program and its role in advancing the racial equity strategy. She asked about the assessment criteria used to evaluate the sponsorship requests, and asked if requests were viewed with the same set of criteria each time. Auditor Evans shared that this was a part of the problem, and it was not clear from the audit if there were consistent criteria used. Ms. Zucker noted that there were

parts of the sponsorship program that were a part of the departmental budgets, and that certain departments were focusing on sponsorships to maximize the amount of funding available.

Councilor Dirksen expressed appreciation for the attention to detail from the auditor's office and their highlighting of the limitations of the program's processes.

## 6. Ordinances (Second Reading)

**This item was adopted.**

- 6.1 Ordinance No. 18-1423, For the Purpose of Determining that Affordable Housing is a Matter of Metropolitan Concern and Undertaking an Affordable Housing Function

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 18-1423](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Hughes stated that the first reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 18-1423 took place on Thursday, June 21, 2018. He informed the Metro Council that Mr. Andy Shaw and Ms. Ashley McCarron, Metro staff, were available for questions.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Chase expressed appreciation for Metro's role in affordable housing. He noted the history of Metro's involvement in affordable housing since 1979 and recounted milestones of this work.

Councilor Dirksen shared that the Metro Council was acting with direction from regional partners and the public. He emphasized that housing affordability was a regional issue.

Councilor Craddick conveyed her gratitude for staff's work on the housing measure.

Councilor Dominguez shared her support for Metro's affordable housing work, and added that the affordable housing bond was an important step in creating a livable and vibrant community.

Councilor Stacey emphasized that this was a regional movement, and expressed his support for the measure.

Council President Hughes explained that the housing measure was a direct response to stakeholder conversations and community outreach.

**A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Chase, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Stacey

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Harrington

## 7. Resolutions

7.1 **Resolution No. 18-4884**, For the Purpose of Updating the Regional Trails System Plan Map

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4884](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Exhibit B](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[PowerPoint: Regional Trails System Plan Map](#)

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Jon Blasher for a brief presentation on the resolution.



Mr. Blasher discussed how the Regional Trails System Map and the Nature in Neighborhoods Grants worked to advance the parks and nature mission. He explained how community input shaped the work. Mr. Blasher shared the ways in which the Regional Trails System Plan Map and the Nature in Neighborhoods Grants addressed Metro's desired outcomes.

Mr. Robert Spurlock discussed the reasons for updating the system plan map. He explained the history of updates, and the purpose of the map. Mr. Spurlock recounted the changes that were reflected in the map, and some of the projects that were built recently. Mr. Spurlock shared some of the changes in geography that made the trail more accessible and safer. He introduced Mr. Yashar Vasef from the Community Cycling Center to discuss their Nature in Neighborhood Grant.

Mr. Vasef discussed the purpose and the history of the Community Cycling Center, and their work in providing bicycles to marginalized youth and communities. He explained the ways that the cycling center utilized Metro's regional trails, and how the grant money would be used to give opportunities to youth through their camps.

Mr. Vasef emphasized the need for these resources, and the importance of environmental education, and how it was incorporated in the center's activities. Mr. Vasef shared a personal anecdote to emphasize the importance of access to parks and nature.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Stacey expressed his appreciation for the regional

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trails, and noted that the trails provided a valuable way for building community and bringing the region together. He thanked staff for their work on the trails.

**A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Dirksen, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Stacey

7.2 **Resolution No. 18-4896**, For the Purpose of Approving 2018 Nature in Neighborhoods Nature Education and Outdoor Experiences Community Grants

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-4896](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Hughes called on Ms. Crista Gardner for a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Crista Gardner explained the difference between this set of grants and grants from previous cycles. She shared that they had two grant categories, and that they had allocated \$3.8 million for the nature in neighborhoods community grants. Ms. Gardner introduced Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu to discuss policy changes.

Mr. Ocana-Chiu shared some details of his work on the grants program and the grants review committee. He acknowledged Ms. Heather Nelson-Kent for her work on the grants program. Mr. Ocana-Chiu discussed the diversity, equity and inclusion elements that had been added to the grants programs, and the connection between the grants and Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Mr. Ocana-Chiu discussed the evaluation process of the proposals. He explained that there were equity elements incorporated into the Draft Parks and Nature Action Plan, and shared how they were a part of the evaluation process. Mr. Ocana-Chiu introduced Tracy Price with Center for Diversity environment and the Environmental Education of Oregon.

Ms. Price highlighted the work that the Center for Diversity and the Environment had done. She discussed CDE's vision and how they worked towards their vision by harnessing the power of racial and ethnic diversity to enhance the environmental movement. Ms. Price explained how this work was being undertaken and why it was happening. She recounted how the partnerships were created through the leadership program and the relationships that were developed. Ms. Price introduced Mr. Daniel Jones.

Mr. Jones shared his personal experience with the Center for Diversity's Leader Program. He shared that the CDE interrupted the complex of dominant culture in the environmental movement.

Ms. Kerry Waters discussed how the project was brought together. She noted that the focus areas were power, people and professions, and explained how these focuses factored into their environmental work.

Mr. Ocana-Chiu highlighted the peer-review process that was essential in the Nature in Neighborhoods Community Grants program. He introduced Mr. Derron Coles, Executive Director of the Blueprint Foundation, and a member of the grant review committee.

Mr. Coles explained that the foundation worked in Portland to do career-specific mentoring for black identified youth. He added that they focused around diversifying the green movement and workforce. Mr. Coles recalled the different programs offered by the foundation, and discussed how the programs worked. He recounted the grant review process and the grant criteria.

Ms. Gardner explained each of the grants that were recommended for funding.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Chase expressed support for the grant recommendations. He explained that the region had been designed to be great for certain groups but left a lot of communities behind. Councilor Chase noted the importance of giving communities the tools to represent themselves and engage on their own terms.

Councilor Craddick shared her support for the grantees, and acknowledged the role of the voters for their support of bond measures to help fund these projects.

Council President Hughes emphasized the importance of funding these grants to perpetuate the value of inclusionary environmental stewardship.

Councilor Stacey highlighted that these grants demonstrated that there are many ways to connect with the natural world. He expressed his gratitude for the grant recipients for aiding the council in understanding the importance of community's relationships with nature.

**A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be adopted. The motion**

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**passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Dominguez, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, and Councilor Stacey

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 4:06 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on July 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Miranda Mishan, Interim Legislative and Engagement  
Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2018**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>3.0</b>	Letter	6/28/2018	Draft Letter from Council to OTC	062818c-01
<b>4.3</b>	Minutes	6/21/2018	Council Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2018	062818c-02
<b>7.0</b>	Presentation	6/28/2018	Regional Trails System Update PowerPoint	062818c-03
<b>7.0</b>	Presentation	6/28/2018	Nature in Neighborhoods Grants PowerPoint	062818c-04